

Louisiana Dept of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health
STD/HIV Program (SHP)

Per Louisiana state law and the Louisiana Public Health Sanitary Code, physicians must promptly report all confirmed or suspected cases of HIV infection, perinatal HIV exposure, or HIV infection in pregnancy to the State Health Officer or designee (below). Reporting is also required of all coroners, medical examiners, nurses, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, laboratory directors, medical records directors, osteopaths, pharmacists, physician assistants, podiatrists, poison control centers, social workers, veterinarians, and other health professionals. (La. Sanitary Code, Part II, Chapter 1, §107-109)

Laboratory directors are required to report the results of all clinically relevant laboratory tests whether or not conducted for diagnostic purposes (e.g. HIV antibody tests, DNA and RNA detection tests, viral cultures, HIV viral load tests, CD4 counts). (La. Sanitary Code, Part II, Chapter 1, §113)

To report a case, please contact the Field Epidemiologist listed below for your region. He or she will work with you to establish an efficient method for collecting necessary case information, whether by phone, by mail using a provider worksheet, or through onsite chart abstractions. The Field Epidemiologist can also provide information on local HIV care providers and services. For additional information you may also contact the Field Epidemiologist Supervisor.

SHP REGIONAL FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGISTS

Region	Contact	Parishes
1	James Hubbard 1450 Poydras St., Ste 2136 New Orleans LA 70112 (504) 568-5453	Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard
1, 3	Monica Pendleton 1450 Poydras St., Ste 2136 New Orleans LA 70112 (504) 599-0496	Jefferson, Orleans / Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne
2, 9	Gale Terry Office of Public Health 1450 Poydras St., Ste 2136 New Orleans LA 70112 (504) 568-8375	Ascension, E. Baton Rouge, W. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, W. Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee / Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington
4, 5, 6	Cheryl Edney PO Box 51364 Lafayette LA 70505 (337) 262-1062	Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion / Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis / Ayoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn
7, 8	Gayle Norris PO Box 37252 Shreveport LA 71133 (318) 676-5349	Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Natchitoches Red River, Sabine, Webster / Caldwell, E. Carroll, W. Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union
Field Epi. Supervisor	Betsy Shepard 1450 Poydras St., Ste 2136 New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 568-5512	Statewide